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SUBJECT: NOIWON Test

As agreed in the 8 September Crisis Management Working Group (CMWG) meeting, we plan to initiate daily tests of the NOIWON system for a two week period beginning on Monday, 19 September. The following specifics apply:

a. To provide for a more realistic evaluation, initiation of test calls will rotate among the following NOIWON subscribers as listed below:

Monday	-	White House Situation Room
Tuesday	-	CIA Ops Center
Wednesday	-	State Dept Ops Center
Thursday	-	NSOC
Friday	-	NMIC
Saturday	-	Justice Dept
Sunday	-	NMCC

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b. Agencies should schedule a single test NOIWON sometime during the day (including nighttime), with the exception of 0830-1030 weekdays. The White House secure switch is heavily tasked with real-world conference calls during this period, and test calls would be difficult to handle expeditiously.

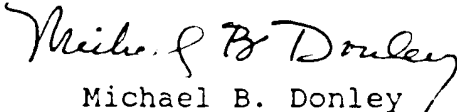
c. When convening a test call, participants should use normal activation procedures, but clearly identify the NOIWON as a test call.

d. If real-world requirements impact on a test call, the White House secure operator has the authority to delay the test NOIWON for a short time.

e. After each NOIWON, the initiating agency should provide feedback as soon as possible to the Situation Room concerning any problems encountered during the call. The Situation Room will notify the White House Communications Agency (WHCA) of the results of the test, highlighting any specific problems that arose. This will allow WHCA to make necessary corrections.

To assist in conducting the test, a worksheet is attached at Tab A. We ask that each agency complete a worksheet for each test NOIWON; the bottom part of the sheet (readability and strength) should be used by each conferee to record how they copied other members of the conference. At the end of the two-week test period, each agency should provide an assessment of the test to the White House Situation Support Staff (WHSSS), with an information copy to the NIO for Warning. This assessment should summarize worksheet results; for example, were any trends identified, did quality vary according to the time of day, was it difficult to copy specific agencies, etc.

The WHSSS points of contact for the NOIWON test are Paul Lebras and Ralph Sigler, telephone 456-2291, KY-3 7400.


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